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**BLOCKING OF DEVICE FOR  
DETECTING BIOCHEMICALLY  
ACTIVE MOLECULES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The three (3) month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire August 4, 2004. Therefore, a petition for and the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time are filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

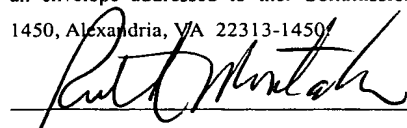
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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